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UNVEILING OF NPDF SEPTEMBER 11TH POLICE
MEMORIAL

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE

ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

MORGANVILLE, NJ, AUGUST 24, 2011: Executive Director Joseph Occhipinti announced that the “September 11th Police Memorial” is being donated to the Village of South Blooming Grove, Orange County, NY to commemorate the ten year anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attack and to remember the many local area residents who perished on 9/11/01.

In October 2001, the National Police Defense Foundation commissioned world renowned Italian American Sculptor Franco Minervini to construct the September 11th Police Memorial. The memorial is crafted from a 14 ft high wall of Indiana limestone that features a carved American flag unfurled like a protective

blanket against the twin towers of the World Trade Center with an in-flight eagle. To its right, stands a full-size statue of a police officer with a police dog at his side.

On April 14, 2008, unknown vandals intentionally defaced the September 11th Memorial at the Freehold NJ studio of its sculptor Franco Minervini. The memorial which was 90% completed received damage to the face and nose, however, the sculptor was able to repair the memorial. The NPDF posted a \$5,000 reward in hopes of prosecuting the vandals but no arrests were ever made.

The September 11th Police Memorial was transported from Freehold, New Jersey on August 18th and arrived in South Blooming Grove on August 23,2011. The transportation was provided, gratis, by Eastern Freightways, a subsidiary of New England Motor Freight and the truck, bearing the memorial, was driven by a United States Marine.

A dedication ceremony will commence on September 11, 2011 at 2:00PM at 811 Rte. 208, South Blooming Grove, NY. All are welcome.

For further information or to make a donation, contact the National Police Defense Foundation at 888-SAFE COP or 732-616-9600.

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